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A Ridley Family Newsletter

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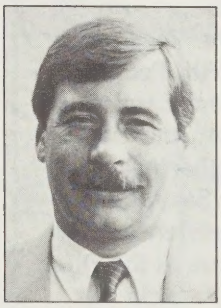

It's with a great deal of pleasure that I have this first opportunity to extend a warm greeting to the Ridley family from all the Campbells. We arrived in early August and have spent our first few weeks familiarizing ourselves with the school and the Niagara area in general.

I suppose it is understandable when you move with your family across the country that you would do so with some trepidation. Familiar routines, places and, most importantly, people are left behind, and there is a tendency to wonder what you will find. But life occasionally deals some delightful and happy surprises and our move to St. Catharines falls into that category. The warmth of the welcome we have received from everyone connected with the school -- staff, parents, governors and alumni -- has been overwhelming. So many of you have gone out of your way to help us that we already truly feel at home and, for that, the Campbells will be eternally grateful.

I sense that there is some question in everyone's mind as to what this new headmaster will want to change. As the year unfolds, no doubt there will be some areas of school life which I may well want to address. But I am likely to be patient and deliberate rather than precipitous in my actions. I am very conscious of the strengths of Ridley and its sense of tradition, and I do not want to tamper with the fabric of the school. Ridley has thrived in the past and will continue to do so in the future because its philosophy is a sound one. The commitment to the concept of a well-rounded education with high expectations of personal, moral and intellectual growth is of time-tested and proven value. If anything, my agenda for Ridley is to strengthen that commitment in the minds of all who live and work here.

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By far the most important ingredients in any successful school year are the quality of the students and the talents of the staff. I am especially encouraged by the reports from the Admissions Office concerning the high calibre of student applicants this year, and the staff of the school has been further enhanced with some highly qualified and committed individuals (see details in this issue). The potential for an outstanding year in all respects is at hand, and I eagerly await the start of our 2nd century year.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future and sharing the promise of the year ahead.

Douglas J. Campbell
Headmaster

New Faculty Profiles

Janette Auer, Upper School Librarian and O.A.C. French: comes to Ridley with ten years of experience at Brock University's Library. Janette was a Reference Librarian and the Co-ordinator of Library Services to Disabled Students. She has a son in the Middle School.

Paul Bedard, is going to be teaching in the Modern Languages Department. A switch in careers has brought Paul to Ridley. Formerly of Royal Trust, Paul brings independent school experience from Bishop's College School and considerable athletic skills. Paul has coached hockey in Scotland and is an avid tennis player.

Karen Close, Housemaster of Gooderham West, will be teaching English & Art. Karen taught in the Kent County Board of Education in Chatham prior to moving to the Niagara Region. Karen has been in education for the past 20 years.

Ruth Court, a Teaching Intern will be in the Languages Department. Ruth, a former Swiss national, is married to Michael Court '82 and will bring to Ridley a rich cultural and athletic mix.

Ken Hutton, will be instructing History. A native of Hamilton, Ken has many interests notably music. Newly inducted to the Ridley Family, Ken was just married to Charlene Ebert '83.

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On campus. . .

Centenary Year concludes with special events

It was a busy summer with over 1500 individuals - from all age groups - participating in Ridley's summer programs. In addition to the Ridley summer session programs of soccer, tennis, computer, hockey, elderhostel and nursery day-care, our facilities were used by a variety of community groups such as the Rotary Youth Leadership camps, the All-Pro Basketball camp, Creative Kids Camp, the Niagara Youth Symphony summer school and the Halton Region Crossing Guards camp. We also billeted two touring rugby teams from England and several rowing crews.

Following all of this activity the Ridley campus enjoyed a week of quiet and clean up prior to the arrival of the students who chose to spend the last week of their summer holidays participating in pre-season sports camps. This year's camps include field hockey and basketball for girls; soccer and football for boys. The prefects and house counsellors also return early for orientation and planning sessions so that all will be in readiness by the time new students register on the 9th of September. We have changed the pattern slightly this fall by asking new students to register a day ahead of the returning students. We believe that this will provide an opportunity for new students to familiarize themselves with the campus and with some of the routines prior to the influx of all of the "old hands". We will be anxious to have comments from parents on the new registration process.

We expect to start this first

year of Ridley's Second Century with a student body of 590 - approximately 500 in the Upper School and 90 in the Middle School - and a faculty of 71. This is a far cry from September 1889 when Ridley opened its doors with 50 students and 5 faculty.

Looking ahead, we have a busy fall schedule in addition to our regular academic, athletic and extracurricular commitments.

One of our first major events will occur when the entire student body and faculty members travel to the SkyDome to see the Blue Jays in action against the Boston Red Sox. Prior to the game, our Headmaster will be presenting a cheque to the Blue Jays for their support of The Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto. At the time of writing, over $3000 had been realized for this cause from the sale of t-shirts.

We did not print the athletic fixture card this summer as the schedules for a number of our teams had not been finalized. Once this information is available, we will send it along to you.

In October (5th-7th) we are hosting the Canadian Independent Schools U/13 Invitational Soccer Tournament involving 16 teams from across Canada. As host, Ridley provides billets and hospitality for the visiting teams. Mike Rice and the Niagara Branch of the Women's Guild are busy making arrangements for the 225+ beds that will be required.

In the theatre world, we look forward to the staging of *One flew over the Cuckoo's nest*, our first student dramatic production in the Mandeville Theatre at the end of November. The Middle School musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will be presented on December 14th and the morning of the 15th. In addition to student productions, our stage will be kept busy with fall performances by the Theatre Beyond Words, Up With People, Mime Unlimited, the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir, the Dance Company of St. Catharines, and Paul Brodie on the Saxaphone. Not all theatre experiences will take place on campus as the Director of Drama, Mr. Brezicki has scheduled a trip to *Phantom of the Opera* on November 3rd.

Centennial Celebrations continue with Association weekend October 20-23. We hope to see many graduates back on the campus. During this weekend, members of the United Kingdom Branch of the Association will present a portrait of Bishop Ridley to the College. We will also be unveiling a portrait of Ridley's sixth Headmaster, Dr. Packard. Later this fall, students and faculty will be assisting the Development Office and Association volunteers with the Centennial Auction, a gala affair which will be held in Toronto on November 29.

In the chapel, we will be holding our Founders' Day Service on the Sunday of Association weekend with Archbishop Bothwell officiating, assisted by The Very Rev. Christopher Tubbs '44 and The Rev. Weldon Holland '50.

The traditional morning and evening Carol Services on December 10 will feature our Centennial Choir and will conclude our Centennial Year celebrations.

The Christmas holiday break will provide a welcome respite after the hectic weeks of the fall term and exams which conclude on December 15...by which time we will be preparing the next *Cub*.

Janet M. Lewis
Assistant Headmaster

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

This term sees the first major dramatic production to be staged in the Mandeville Theatre. Ken Kesey's ***One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest***, written in collaboration with Dale Wasserman, will be performed on November 28-30 and December 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

The film version of Kesey's novel starred Jack Nicholson and won 5 major Academy Awards.

The Ridley production is directed by Colin Brezicki, with set design by Jim McLaughlin.

All tickets are $6, and seats will be reserved in order of booking.

Please contact:

The Box Office,
The Mandeville Theatre
Ridley College
P.O. Box 3013
St. Catharines, ON
L2R 7C3.

or phone (416) 684-8193 Ext. 238 for reservations.

The Mandeville Drama Award

Colin Brezicki, Director of Drama, wishes to express, on behalf of Ridley College, deep gratitude to E.W. (Peter), 'T' and Michael Mandeville for their generous donation of a splendid trophy to be awarded annually to the student who makes the greatest contribution to Drama at Ridley.

Student directors, artists and backstage assistants as well as actual performers will be eligible for The Mandeville Drama Award.

The new trophy will be housed in a glass case in the foyer of the Mandeville Theatre.

A RIDLEY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Tuition Raffle

($16,500 value)

ONLY 350 Tickets to be Sold

$100 per ticket

Tickets will be sold through vouchers up to and including the evening of the Auction, November 29th, 1989. The draw will be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto at the conclusion of the evening's events. Vouchers for raffle will be available from the Development Office at the school.

Tickets to the Auction can be reserved through Mrs. Miriam Misener at 416-231-5919 in Toronto.

Tickets are $175.00 per person
(A tax receipt for the eligible amount will be available)

Come to the Auction and get those items you don't want to fight Christmas crowds for.

This will be the last fundraising event of Ridley's 2nd Century Campaign

Going Once, Going Twice...

Faculty

Lynne Kelly will be a Teaching Intern in the Languages department. A Torontonian, Lynne has been specializing in French Translation at U. of T. Lynne is sister to Jeffrey Kelly '91.

Paul O'Rourke, Housemaster of Burgoyne House, returns to Ridley after completing his B.Ed. at Brock University and working in the Durham Region RCSS Board. Paul was a Junior Master at Ridley in 1987-88 and was involved with the Soccer Camp for Sports Ridley from 1980-1987. Paul will be teaching History and English.

Vera Wilcox, Housemaster of Gooderham East, has been around Ridley in varying capacities over the last few years. Vera has instructed tennis at Sports Ridley and coached the Ridley tennis teams. Vera was with the Lailey Vineyards for the last seven years where she was involved in vinifera and hybrid grape growing. Adolescents might prove to be equally challenging.

Ridley College welcomes all of the new faculty and hopes that they enjoy their new positions in the Ridley Family.

Freedom From Chemical Dependency

Almost all teenagers will experiment with cigarettes, alcohol or other drugs, even Ridley students. In keeping with our commitment to provide a useful education both inside and outside the classroom, three years ago Ridley College had its first visit from the Freedom from Chemical Dependency foundation (FCD). This group provides one of our major thrusts in the area of drug and alcohol education.

For the past two years, the FCD has sent three consultants to run workshops for Ridley students mainly from grades 5 to 10. The main emphasis of the FCD is to instruct the students in as frank a manner as possible about the complex dangers of all kinds of drug use - tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, cocaine - and to provide them with an understanding of how these substances can intrude into the lives of adolescents. Finally, the hope of the FCD team is that it will leave behind in the school community some sort of mechanism for continuing their work in helping the students make good choices for themselves where drugs are concerned.

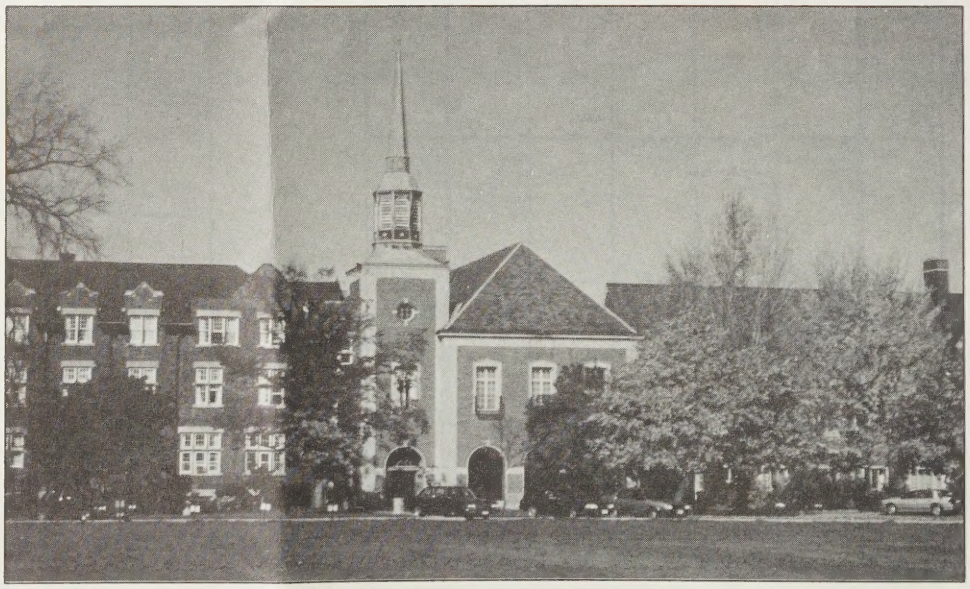
The response among the students to the FCD consultants is overwhelmingly positive. The consultants come from a variety of business and professional backgrounds, and one of the most compelling reasons for their success is that each of them has recovered from some form of addiction. The message that comes across from them therefore has the added weight of experience: these people know what they are talking about and establish their credibility quickly with the students. The sessions take place without Ridley faculty present, freeing the students from inhibitions they might otherwise experience in talking about a subject which is already fraught with insecurities and misinformation.

This year the FCD consultants will be here during the week of September 25. Since many of our students have had two years of the programme, this year we plan to extend it to include more contact with the senior students, student leaders and, we hope, parents. Students who have already had the programme with past instructors will still have opportunities for reinforcement of past teaching, but since a large proportion of the school is at the senior level, we want to make sure that these pivotal students get the message too.

Robert T. Snowden
Dean of Students

Mandeville Theatre Appointment

Daniel Peat has taken on the challenge as the Theatre Technician of the Mandeville Theatre. This new position was created with the opening of the 2nd Century Building. Daniel's extensive theatre involvement will bring great insight and a high degree of professionalism to Ridley theatre. As General Manager of The Bathurst Street Theatre, Daniel has been involved in both production and administration.



September 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	New Students Register 9
Returning Students Register 10	Classes Begin 11	12	13	14	Field Hockey & McMaster Tournament 15	1st & 2nd Football vs SAC, 1st Soccer - Early Bird Tournament 16
17	Dome Day - Entire school to SkyDome to see the Blue Jays and Red Sox 18	19	Harriers - TCS Invitational, U/16 & U/15 Football vs Appleby, 1st & 2nd Soccer vs Crescent 20	21	22	Field Hockey a Scarborough High School Tournament, 2nd Football vs SAC 23
24	Freedom 25	From 26	Chemical 2nd, U/16, U/15 Soccer, 2nd Football vs TCS 27	Dependency 28	Week 29	2nd & U/15 Soccer vs Lakefield, U/16 Soccer vs Hillfield 30

October 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	*Effort Grades Out* 3	1st & U/15 Football vs Appleby 4	Thanksgiving Weekend - 12:30 p.m. 5	U/13 Soccer Tournament 6	U/13 Soccer Tournament 7
8	Boarders Return - 9:00 p.m. 9	Classes Begin - 9:00 a.m. 10	*Theatre Beyond Words* - 1:30 p.m. 1st, U/16 Soccer vs Pickering 11	*Theatre Beyond Words* - 1:30 p.m. 12	13	Grade 13 Parents' Day, University Day 14
15	16	17	All Soccer Teams vs SAC 18	19	Centennial Association Weekend Reunion 20	Centennial Association Weekend Reunion All Football and Soccer Teams vs UCC 21
Centennial Association Weekend Reunion, *Founders' Day Service* - 10:30 a.m. 22	23	24	25	26	27	1st Football Playoffs 28
29	30	*Effort Grades Out* 31				

Michaelmas Term

November 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1st Soccer Playoffs 1	*Up With People* Performance - 1:00 & 4:00 p.m. 2	Remembrance Day Service 3	S.A.T.'s, 1st Soccer & 1st Football Finals Trip to Canadian Orpheus Male Choir 4
4th Dimension Week Begins 5	6	7	8	Half-Term Break 12:30 p.m. 9	10	11
12	Boarders Return 9:00 p.m. 13	Classes Begin 9:00 p.m. *Move Unlimited* 1:30 p.m. 14	School Cross Country Run 15	16	Grade 7 Parents' Evening 4:45-6:30 p.m. *Dance Company of St. Catherines* 17	Grade 9 and 10 Parents' Day *Dance Company of St. Catherines* 18
19	Grades 5 & 6 Parents' Evening 4:45-6:30 p.m. Paul Brodie Saxophone Recital 20	Cross Country Dinner Paul Brodie Saxophone Recital 21	22	23	Grade 8 Parents' Evening 4:45-6:30 p.m. 24	1st Hockey Early Bird Tournament 25
1st Hockey Early Bird Tournament 26	27	*Effort Grades Out* 28	*A Ridley Victorian Christmas Auction*, Sheraton Centre Toronto, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* Mandeville Theatre - 8:00 p.m. 29	*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* Mandeville Theatre 8:00 p.m. Last Day for Assignments 30		

December 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Mandeville Theatre 8:00 p.m. 1	S.A.T.'s *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* Mandeville Theatre 8:00 p.m. 2
3	4	5	6	Christmas Exams Begin 7	8	9
Lessons and Carols 10:40 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. 10	11	12	13	*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* Mandeville Theatre 8:00 p.m. 14	*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* Mandeville Theatre 11:00 a.m. Christmas Break 12:30 p.m. 15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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1989 Ridley Senior Mens Heavy Eight L-R: John McIntyre (Coach), Michael Bryden, Bob Partington, Doug Martin, Colin Chant, Lockwood Dempster, Bill Nazar, Paul Baillie, Pat Bryden, Ben Younger.

Heavies Place 2nd to University of London at Henley

The 1989 Heavy Eight had a very successful rowing season last spring. This success, made it possible for the crew to be entered in the highly regarded Thames Challenge Cup, for university boats.

Ridley had competed in 1985 and again in 1986, both successfully, for this covetted crown in rowing.

The entourage left Ridley on June 21st for London Heathrow and then on to stay with Ann Markham, Mrs. Bartie Mumford and Anne Sandars. The crew went head-to-head with the Thames Tradesmen's R.C., Imperial College, Lea R.C., University of Pennsylvania and in the final against the University of London.

This crew has been the fastest Ridley crew ever to row at Royal Henley, with a time of 6:22 (tailwind). Ridley's 1975 record in the Princess Elizabeth Cup of 6:32 was beaten by Hampton School in 6:27.

Hank Wins First Place

Hank, the student journal, was awarded First Place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Annual Contest for 1989. This prestigious recognition was achieved by the entire staff of *Hank*. Six copies of recent issues of the two-year old publication were sent to New York. Jeff Smith '89 and Peter McAlpine '89, were ecstatic when informed of their score of 857 of a possible 1000 points. Congratulations *Hank* Staff!

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